

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application (irrespective of whether the claims remains under examination in the application) are presented below and the amendment to the claims is expressed in the listing.

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1. (Currently Amended) A lighting system ~~with~~ having a reduced danger of fire hazard achieved by reducing the operating temperature of the system, comprising:
a housing;
a plurality of halogen light bulb units generally uniformly spaced within the housing;
and
a shield connected to the housing, for inhibiting access to the plurality of halogen light bulb units from above, the shield positioned such that the plurality of halogen light bulb units are between the shield and the housing, the plurality of halogen bulbs and the shield configured such that the temperature of the shield on a surface opposite the plurality of halogen bulbs stays below 500°F.
 2. (Original) The lighting system from claim 1, further comprising a vent area for venting heated air from the housing.
 3. (Currently Amended) The lighting system from claim 1, further comprising a heat sensor placed within the housing, for shutting off the plurality of halogen light bulb units at a threshold temperature.
 4. (Currently Amended) ~~The lighting system from claim 1~~ A lighting system with reduced danger of fire hazard, achieved by reducing the operating temperature of the system, comprising:
a housing;
a plurality of halogen light bulb units spaced within the housing; and
a shield connected to the housing, for inhibiting access to the plurality of halogen
light bulb units, wherein the plurality of halogen light bulb units are HALOPIN
brand units manufactured by OSRAM.
 5. (Cancelled) ~~The lighting system of claim 1 wherein the operating temperature of the light bulb unit is generally less than 500°F.~~

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6. (Currently Amended) The lighting system of claim 1 further comprising a tilt switch for shutting off the plurality of halogen light bulb units when the housing is moved from a specified orientation.

7. (New) The lighting system of claim 1, further comprising:
a torchiere base member for supporting the housing, the plurality of halogen light bulb units and the shield; and
a torchiere support member disposed between the base member and the housing;
wherein the shield limits access to the plurality of halogen light bulb units from
above.

8. (New) A lighting system for producing lighting power substantially equal to that of a single high-watt halogen bulb system, but having a substantially reduced operating temperature, the lighting system comprising:
a housing;
a plurality of halogen light bulb units generally uniformly spaced within the housing,
the plurality of halogen light bulb units having a total lighting power generally equal to a single high-watt halogen bulb system; and
a shield connected to the housing, for inhibiting access to the plurality of halogen light bulb units, the shield positioned such that the plurality of halogen light bulb units are between the shield and the housing, the halogen light bulb units having an operating temperature such that the temperature of the shield will stay below 500°F.
